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REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is requested to allow claims 1, 2, 6-11 and 31-43, as well as newly added claims 44-45, the only claims pending and under examination in this application.

The independent claims have been amended to remove the term "substantially." Claims 44 and 45 find supports in the specification at page 5, lines 19-21. Accordingly, this amendment adds no new matter and its entry is respectfully requested.

It is believed that the claims as amended above overcome any remaining issues maintained by the Office in the Advisory Action.

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CONCLUSION

The Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number SKEL-012.

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